



POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

**STATEMENT FOR THE HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

October 22, 2012

Good morning. I am Max Caproni, executive director of the Police Board.

In preparing its budget submission for 2013, the Board again is very much aware of the fiscal challenges facing the City, and continues to make every effort to make the most efficient and effective use of resources as it carries out its responsibilities to decide cases involving allegations of serious police misconduct, and to oversee other aspects of the Chicago Police Department.

The Police Board seeks an appropriation of \$434,130 for 2013, an increase of approximately \$37,000 from the 2012 appropriation. An additional \$30,000 is requested for court reporting and video recording of disciplinary hearings (Account No. 0143) because of an increase in the Board's caseload. There are no major changes in any other area.

The Police Board is committed to promoting transparency and ensuring that it is accessible to all Chicagoans. The hearings of disciplinary cases before the Board are open to the public, and the schedule of upcoming hearings is listed on our website. The Board's decisions in these cases, which include detailed reasons for its findings, are also posted on our website.

The Board's monthly public meeting includes a regular agenda item that allows for members of the public to present questions and comments to the Board. The Superintendent of Police (or his designee) and the Chief Administrator of the Independent Police Review Authority (or her designee) also attend the meeting. These meetings, which are held throughout the City as well as Chicago Public Safety Headquarters, serve as an important forum for increasing accountability and responsiveness by the Board, CPD, and IPRA to the community's issues of concern.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the Police Board's budget. I am happy to respond to any questions you have.